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The Honorable Charles F. McLaughlin
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge McLaughlin:

25X1A9a [redacted] an official of the Central Intelligence Agency, has been called for jury duty in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on Thursday, 24 February. It has been and will continue to be my policy to assure that Agency employees fulfill their responsibilities to the Judicial branch of the Government as well as to this Agency. It is, therefore, with reluctance that I ask you to consider deferring [redacted] jury service. The normal difficulties created by an official's absence for such service would not cause me to make such a request, but there have recently arisen certain grave situations in the foreign area for which [redacted] is responsible. These require most urgent and competent handling, and I am of the opinion that this Agency would be severely handicapped without [redacted] competence and experience in these particular matters.

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25X1A9a This is not a situation I would expect to encounter under ordinary circumstances, so that I trust that [redacted] would be able to perform his jury service on any future call. I would, therefore, greatly appreciate it if you would agree that the national interest would be better served by permitting [redacted] to continue his duties for this Agency at this time.

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Very truly yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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